

REMARKS

By the present amendment, after entering the substitute English translation submitted concurrently herewith (correcting “flakes” to “planchettes” throughout the specification), the specification and drawings have been amended to incorporate the changes made in the responses of July 17, 2008 and July 20, 2009 (A new sheet of drawings with illustrative Figs. 1 and 2 is submitted. The new drawings add no new matter. Support for the illustrated features is found in the original application, for example from page 4, line 30 to page 5, line 13 and page 8, line 10. The specification has been amended to add section subtitles and to introduce a short description of Figs. 1 and 2 as well as an explanation of the illustrated features.)

Further, all pending claims have been canceled and replaced by new claims 42-69 which are identical to the pending claims as amended in the response filed December 1, 2010, except that they are renumbered in succession starting at number 42. Claims 42 and 53 are the only independent claims.

It is believed that the new abstract added by the preliminary amendment filed with the national stage application and the new sheet of drawings added by the amendment of July 17, 2008 are maintained, or re-entry of the new abstract and new sheet of drawings is respectfully requested.

The arguments and remarks made in the response filed December 1, 2010 are incorporated by reference herein mutatis mutandis regarding claim numbers.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

If there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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